

**Cable T.V. Network in the Country**

1583. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cable television networks operating in the country;

(b) the number of such projects approved during 1990-91, State-wise; and

(c) the details of the policy being adopted by the Government for according approval to cable television networks in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS):

(a) to (c). As per the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and the Rules made thereunder, no permission is required to set up a Cable TV Networks within private premises. The details of such networks operating in the country are, therefore, not available with the Government.

**Koel Karo Hydel Electric Power Project**

1584. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest estimate of the cost on the implementation of Koel Karo Hydel Electric Project of Bihar in foreign exchange;

(b) the estimated unit cost of power to be generated by this project;

(c) the total investment made in the project so far by the Union Government and State Governments; and

(d) the likely date for the completion of project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The project is proposed to be executed indigenously. However, the foreign exchange component for import of certain equipment and material is Rs. 1872.00 lakhs.

(b) The cost of generation per unit works out to be 229.27 paise/unit.

(c) N.H.P.C. has spent Rs. 9.64 crores upto October, 1991 on this project.

(d) The project is likely to be completed in a period of 8 years from November, 1991 i.e. by November, 1999.

**Dowry Deaths**

1585. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:  
SHRI SANAT KUMAR  
MANDAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dowry deaths reported from different States and Union Territories during 1990 and in 1991 upto September 1991; and

(b) the steps taken to check such deaths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMANTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) A Statement showing State-wise and Union Territory-wise number of cases reported as dowry deaths during 1990 and available information upto September, 1991 is enclosed.

(b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes including

those involving dowry deaths is the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territories. However, the Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. The Dowry prohibition Act, 1961 was amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. In addition, the Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 were amended to deal effectively with dowry death cases.

A number of schemes are being imple-

mented by the Government as well as through women's voluntary organisations to make women economically independent and aware of their rights. Mass media campaigns against the social evil of dowry through the programmes of electronic media are also being organised.

Introductions have been issued to the State Governments/Union Territory Administration to effectively enforce legislations relating to crimes against women which include crimes relating to dowry deaths.

### STATEMENT

*Statement Showing the number of Cases Registered as 'Dowry Deaths' during 1990 and 1991*

Sl.No	State/UT	1990	1991	Remark For 1991 only Fig. Upto
<i>States:</i>				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	344	305	Sept.
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Aug.
3.	Assam	24	9	June
4.	Bihar	243	153	July
5.	Goa	Nil	Nil	
6.	Gujarat	125	49	June Except May
7.	Haryana	126	99	July
8.	Himachal Pradesh	21	24	Sept.
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8	6	Aug.
10.	Karnataka	216	170	Sept.
11.	Kerala	11	7	Sept.
12.	Madhya Pradesh	397	245	July

<i>Sl.No</i>	<i>State/UT</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1991</i>	<i>Remark For 1991 only Fig. Upto</i>
13.	Maharashtra	858	568	Sept.
14.	Manipur	1	Nil	Sept.
15.	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil	Aug.
16.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Sept.
17.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil	Aug.
18.	Orissa	64	35	July
19.	Punjab	103	76	Sept.
20.	Rajasthan	166	36	March
21.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Sept.
22.	Tamil Nadu	86	76	Sept.
23.	Tripura	5	Nil	Sept.
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1516	1152	Aug.
25.	West Banal	420	329	Aug.
<i>Union Territories:</i>				
1.	A & N Islands	Nil	Nil	Sept.
2.	Chandigarh	Nil	2	Sept.
3.	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	Aug.
4.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil	Oct.
5.	Delhi	102	103	Sept.
6.	Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	Sept.
7.	Pondicherry	Nil	4	Oct.

**NOTE:** The figures are based on monthly crime statistics and may be treated as provisional.